

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	
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Tawil et al.	§	
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Serial No.: 09/770,571	§	Group No.: 2152
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Filed: January 26, 2001	§	Examiner: Philip C. Lee
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Title: System and Method for Host Based	§	
Target Device Masking Based on	§	
Unique Hardware Addresses	§	

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**SECOND DECLARATION OF KHANNAN SUNTHARAM  
SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Khannan Suntharam, hereby declare and state that:

1. I was a lawyer at the law firm Baker Botts L.L.P. ("Baker Botts") from 1998 to 2002. While at Baker Botts, I was involved in the preparation and prosecution of patent applications for Dell Computer Corporation. During the time I was employed with the Houston office of Baker Botts, I prepared the application having U.S. Application No. 09/770,571.

2. A redacted copy of a Dell invention disclosure is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A. This invention disclosure has been titled "Host Based Storage Device Masking Based on World Wide Names for a Storage Area Network Configuration with a Large Number of Hosts" and has been assigned Dell reference number DC-02668. This invention disclosure was received by Baker Botts on November 9, 2000 for the preparation of a patent application. This application was assigned Baker Botts attorney docket number 016295.0635.

3. I worked with Roger Fulghum, the lawyer responsible for supervising the preparation and prosecution of patent applications for Dell in Baker Botts's Houston office. In November and December of 2000 and January of 2001, I researched the prior art related to the invention and prepared the patent application for the DC-02668 invention disclosure. I was diligent in preparing this application. I worked on this application according to the following list of dates, hours worked, and description of work performed:

Date Worked	Hours Worked	Description of Work Performed
11/30/2000	2.00	Reviewed invention disclosure and related documents.
12/01/2000	4.00	Prepared for and interviewed Jacob Cherian.
12/04/2000	4.00	Reviewed tape of inventor interview.
01/13/2001	1.70	Continued to prepare draft patent application.
01/14/2001	1.50	Continued to prepare draft patent application.
01/15/2001	7.80	Continued preparation of draft application.
01/16/2001	5.30	Continued preparation of draft patent application.
01/17/2001	5.50	Continued preparation of application.
01/18/2001	8.60	Continued preparation of draft application.
01/19/2001	8.80	Continued preparation of draft patent application.
01/21/2001	0.60	Reviewed results of prior art search.
01/22/2001	4.20	Continued preparation of application.
01/23/2001	2.30	Revised draft application.
01/25/2001	1.90	Revised patent application.

4. In addition to this application, I had a reasonable backlog of work which I took up in chronological order and carried out expeditiously. Between December 1, 2000 and January 26, 2001, I worked on these other matters according to the following list of dates, hours worked, and description of work performed:

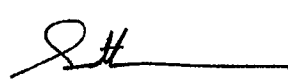

Date Worked	Hours Worked	Description of Work Performed	Matter
12/1/2000	4.00	Prepared for and interviewed [redacted].	D
12/4/2000	2.80	Prepared CPA and preliminary amendment.	A
12/5/2000	0.70	Telephonic conference with [redacted] to discuss revisions to application .	B
12/5/2000	6.30	Reviewed tape of interview of [redacted] and prepared draft application.	D
12/6/2000	0.20	Reviewed CIP and related documents for filing.	A
12/6/2000	1.40	Revised application.	B
12/6/2000	4.80	Reviewed taped interview of [redacted] and prepared draft application.	C
12/6/2000	1.70	Reviewed taped interview of [redacted] and prepared draft application.	D
12/7/2000	0.70	Revised draft patent application.	B
12/7/2000	5.50	Reviewed taped interview of [redacted] and prepared draft patent application.	C
12/8/2000	6.80	Prepared draft patent application.	C
12/11/2000	7.10	Prepared draft patent application.	D
12/12/2000	4.40	Prepared draft patent application.	D
12/13/2000	7.00	Prepared draft patent application.	D
12/14/2000	4.90	Prepared draft patent application.	D
12/15/2000	1.80	Prepared letter to outside counsel to produce documents that may be relevant to present application.	B
12/19/2000	2.60	Prepared draft patent application.	D
12/20/2000	2.60	Prepared draft patent application.	D
12/21/2000	2.40	Prepared draft patent application.	D

Date Worked	Hours Worked	Description of Work Performed	Matter
1/3/2001	6.90	Prepared draft patent application.	D
1/4/2001	6.40	Prepared draft patent application.	D
1/5/2001	7.30	Prepared draft patent application.	D
1/8/2001	10.20	Prepared patent application.	D
1/9/2001	1.90	Prepared draft patent application.	C
1/9/2001	5.20	Prepared draft patent application.	D
1/10/2001	8.10	Continued preparation of draft patent application.	C
1/11/2001	2.20	Continued preparation of patent application.	C
1/11/2001	6.40	Continued preparation of patent application.	D
1/12/2001	9.30	Continued preparation of draft patent application.	C
1/15/2001	1.70	Continued preparation of draft application.	C
1/17/2001	2.00	Continued preparation of application.	D
1/22/2001	1.00	Continued preparation of application.	D
1/23/2001	2.80	Revised draft application.	C
1/23/2001	3.20	Revised draft application.	D
1/26/2001	1.00	Revised application and prepared documents for filing.	C
1/26/2001	1.00	Revised application and prepared documents for filing.	D

5. On January 26, 2001, the patent application concerning the DC-02668 invention disclosure was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The patent application was titled "System and Method for Host Based Target Device Masking Based on Unique Hardware Addresses" and was assigned serial number 09/770,571.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true. I declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2008.

  
Khannan Suntharam